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The Acting Company, the touring arm of the nation's John F. Kennedy Center, will present "The Gilded Age" at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 17, and "Much Ado About Nothing" at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 18, in Edison Theatre.

Adapted from the Mark Twain and Charles Dudley Warner novel of the same name, "The Gilded Age" has taken full advantage of the book's epic narrative and rich variety of characters by transforming the novel into a tour de force for its 14-member ensemble. The sharply ironic tale about greed in post-Civil War America is as full of visual splendor and wit as it is of social conscience and perception. The play features speeches, songs, personalities and the more sensational headlines of the post-Civil War era.

"The Gilded Age" is a compilation of the life experiences of Twain and Warner woven together in Dickensian fashion. This distinctly American saga is a must for those with an interest in fine ensemble acting, impassioned drama and imaginative direction.

William Shakespeare's Wittiest comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing," has been imaginatively and appropriately reset in the chic and steamy Cuba of the 1930s, complete with tango dances and Latin rhythms. Director Gerald Gutierrez makes the most of the play's heightened sense of style and comic timing.

The plot is a graceful combination of stories concerning a suppressed rebellion, a conflict between brothers and the complications of both unrequited and proclaimed love.

The Acting Company is America's only permanent professional repertory theatre company touring nationally. Since its founding by actor John Houseman and producer Margot Harley in 1972, the company has dedicated itself to a two-fold purpose: to develop young professional actors and actresses through a repertory of classical and contemporary plays and to deliver the highest quality productions to towns and cities throughout the country.

Generous support for this program is provided by the Regional Arts Commission. Financial assistance for this project has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

Ticket prices for each production are $15 to the general public; $10 for senior citizens and Washington University faculty and staff; and $7 for students. For more information, call the Edison Theatre box office at 889-6543.

Monsanto provides equipment worth $1 million to chemistry

To support research at the Washington University chemistry department and the work of scientist Jacob Schaefer, Ph.D., Monsanto Co. will provide financial support and research equipment with an estimated value of $1.4 million, according to Chancellor William H. Danforth.

Schaefer joined the Washington faculty as the Charles Allen Thomas Professor of Chemistry this past fall. Previously, he was a senior fellow at Monsanto and leader of the company's New Analytical Techniques Group.

Included in the gift is support for Schaefer's laboratory in Louderman Hall as part of major renovation for the chemistry department. Monsanto is providing partial support of $350,000 for the overall project, which will cost $1.9 million. In addition, start-up funds for Schaefer's research will total $127,000, and he will receive specialized Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) equipment with an estimated value of about $1 million.

"The commitment of resources and highly prized research equipment by Monsanto will make a wonderful addition to our chemistry department and to the work of Professor Schaefer, an internationally recognized chemist," said Danforth. Schaefer, who joined the Washington University faculty after serving as a senior fellow at Monsanto, is an innovator in using NMR to open new windows into the study of molecular structure, such as polymers, glasses, insect cuticle and bacterial cell walls.

Howard A. Schneiderman, Ph.D., senior vice president and chief scientist at Monsanto, said, "We are pleased to support the work of Jake Schaefer, who has our highest respect as a scientist and whose appointment to an already strong faculty brings together a combination of research and expertise in NMR spectroscopy equal to any in the world."

The equipment provided by Monsanto includes three spectrometers, "which are unique machines for studying solids and represent several years of development and construction," said Edward Machias, Ph.D., chairman of the Washington chemistry department.

One spectrometer is capable of making sequential intermolecular cross-polarization transfers, the second employs dipolar echo and the third, dynamic nuclear polarization with the latter combining radio-frequency and microwave pulses in the same experiment. All three spectrometers are high-speed mechanical sample spinning at the "magic" angle.

Professors in the humanities established by alumnus Tobias Lewin

Tobias Lewin, a retired St. Louis businessman, executive, and Washington University alum, has completed negotiations to establish three and possibly four professorships in the humanities. The announcement was made by Chancellor William H. Danforth.

The new professorships will be known as the Hortense and Tobias Lewin Distinguished Professor of the Humanities. Tobias Lewin is an alumnus of Washington University. His late wife, Hortense, also graduated from the University.

Tobias Lewin was chairman of the Tobey Color Card Co. and has been a member of the Missouri Bar since 1931.

Chancellor Danforth said, "Mr. Lewin's interest in the humanities reflects his continuous desire to create more awareness of the importance of the humanities and a liberal arts education. His past and present generosity provides the means for attracting and retaining faculty of the highest caliber at Washington University."

In addition to the creation of the chairs in the humanities, the Lewins have made many other significant contributions to Washington, including the Lewin Visiting Professor in the Humanities, the Hortense Lewin Art Fund for the Washington University Gallery of Art endowed to provide income for exhibitions and related programs, and an endowed professorship established at the School of Medicine to further research in cardiovascular diseases.

Hortense Lewin, who died in 1985, attended Washington University from 1934 to 1938, first in the College of Arts and Sciences and then in the School of Fine Arts. She was one of a small group from the School of Fine Arts who helped develop the "Junior Miss" fashion idea, which became nationally known and is still highly regarded in the fashion industry.

Tobias Lewin attended the School of Law where he received his degree in 1932. After returning to St. Louis, he formed the Tobey Color Card Co., which manufactured color reproductions for the paint, pigment and automotive industries. In addition, the company developed books for the automotive industry for the display of interior fabrics.

Lewin's commitment to Washington University led to an invitation to join the Alliance for Washington University, a $500 million fundraising campaign announced in 1985.
A new exhibit is set up every Friday. Opening nights are from 6 to 9 p.m. Each exhibit will include work by different students in different mediums and will be like when we graduate,” says Warren. "Students who use Friedman to study it says it improves the atmosphere."
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M. Fredric Vollmann, associate vice chancellor and director of public relations, has been named winner of the 1987 Ashmore Service Award sponsored by the College for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The award honors the individual who has given distinguished service to the advancement of the college and to CASE. The award is named for the late Frank L. Ashmore, former executive director of the American College Public Relations Association, a CASE predecessor organization. Vollmann will receive the award at the CASE New England Assembly in Boston. CASE is the Washington, D.C.-based international association for campus fund raisers, alumni administrators, government relations professionals, and other education professionals, with more than 2,800 educational institutions in all 50 states, Canada, and 38 foreign countries are members.

Richard E. Wolff, adjunct faculty member for the School of Technology and Information Management, recently participated as a speaker and panel member for the St. Louis Area Business Educators’ Association. A certified records manager, Wolff will be presenting an all-day seminar April 29, titled “Information and Records Management,” for AAIM Management Association.

Have you done something noteworthy?

Have you presented a paper? Won an award? Been elected to a committee or officer of a professional organization? Been honored by your University Recognized? Helped spread the good news. Contributions regarding faculty and staff scholarly or professional activities are gladly accepted and encouraged. Send a brief note with your full name, highest earned degree, current title and department along with a description of your noteworthy activity to Notables, Campus Box 1070. Please include a phone number.

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Union, 206 Mallinckrodt Dance Studio. (Also April 17, 18, and April 25, same time, Mallinckrodt.) Admission is $3 for general public and $2 for WU community.

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Music

Sunday, April 12

4 p.m. WU Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band Concert. Beaumont Pavilion, Brocksquad, Quadrangle. (Graham Chapel in case of rain.)

Friday, April 16


4 p.m. Central Institute for the Deaf (CID) Research Seminar, "Dyslexia: Making a Plan for Us." Crook, WU prof. of psychology. Bixby Hall.

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1 p.m. Women's Tennis, WU vs. Kenyon Col. Tennis Center.

Sports

Friday, April 10

1 p.m. Baseball Doubleheader, WU vs. Colgate. Thurman Field.

3 p.m. Men's and Women's Track and Field, WU Invitational. Francis Field.

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Miscellany

Thursday, April 9

9 p.m. "Painter's Cap Night at the Rat," sponsored by The Rat, 4 S. euclid. For more info, call the student promotions and registration office. Information on a magnet. The Rat will be open until 2 a.m. on Saturday, April 11.

Friday, April 10

6 - 11 p.m. Thurne Carnival will be held outside next to the Student Union, 1000 Millbrook and Shneider boulevards. Continues again on Saturday, Aprill 11, at 6 - 11 p.m. In case of rain, the carnival will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 12.

Saturday, April 11

10 a.m. Thurne Throng 10 Kilometer Road Race in Forest Park, east of the intersection of Forsyth and Shneider boulevards. Race fees are $6 if received before Thursday, April 9, and $8 the day of the race. Packet pick-up and registration will be held at 9 a.m. on April 11 at the race starting point. For more info., call 889-4523.

3:30-6 p.m. Host Family Picnic With International Students. Free to international students. Students. Dinner at the International House, 6470 Forsyth Blvd.

Friday, April 17

6-8 p.m. Black Law Students Alumni Retreat, Civic Center South. For more info., call the law school at 889-6400.

Saturday, April 18

9 a.m. Fourth Annual Children's Hospital 5K Run and One-Mile Fun Run. Run is front of the hospital, 4005 S. Kingshighway. Registration fee is $1. For more info., call 454-6262.

1-3 p.m. Women's Society of Washington University International Children's Easter Egg Hunt. Open to children of WU international students, residents, and faculty members. Six International House, 6470 Forsyth Blvd. Call 889-9310 for more info.

Calendar Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the April 5-9 calendar of the Washington University Record 1992 is due by April 16. Items must be typed and state time, date, place, nature of event, sponsor and admission cost. Incomplete items will not be printed. If available, include phone number and identification and the site of the event; also include your name and telephone number. Address items to King McElroy, calendar editor. Box 1075.